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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A downrigger adaptor assembly employable on water vessels and comprising:

a seat-mounting member comprising

a substantially rectangular frame having planar top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of apertures passing therethrough at predetermined positions, and

an elongated support post having opposed end portions secured to said frame and removably engageable with a select portion of a boat seat so that said seat-mounting member can be rotated in select radial paths;

wherein said seat-mounting member further comprises a helical spring member disposed about said support post and extending along a partial length thereof, said spring member for providing resilient force and thereby assisting said assembly to maintain an equilibrium position after being selectively adjusted during operating conditions;

a mounting plate secured to said seat-mounting member and being disposed thereabove, said mounting plate having a substantially rectangular shape and further having a plurality of apertures formed therein for receiving a plurality of fastening members passing upwardly from said frame; and

a downrigger base-mounting member secured to said mounting plate and extending upwardly therefrom for receiving at least one fishing accessory.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Currently amended)The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 1, wherein said downrigger base-mounting plate member is disposed adjacent a distal end portion of said mounting plate and said seat-mounting member is offset at a proximal end portion of said mounting plate.

4. (Original)The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 1, further comprising: an elongated cable having opposed end portions connected to said mounting plate and a stationary portion of a boat so that said assembly can be maintained within a predetermined arcuate path during operating conditions.

5. (Original)The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 4, wherein said cable comprises: a plurality of quick-release fastening members secured to said opposed end portions thereof and for allowing an operator to readily adjust the predetermined arcuate path as needed.

6. (Original)A downrigger adaptor assembly employable on water vessels and comprising:

a seat-mounting member comprising

a substantially rectangular frame having planar top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of apertures passing therethrough at predetermined positions,

an elongated support post having opposed end portions secured to said frame and removably engageable with a select portion of a boat seat so that said seat-mounting member can be rotated in select radial paths, and

a helical spring member disposed about said support post and extending along a partial length thereof, said spring member for providing resilient force and thereby assisting said assembly to maintain an equilibrium position after being selectively adjusted during operating conditions;

a mounting plate secured to said seat-mounting member and being disposed thereabove, said mounting plate having a substantially rectangular shape and further

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having a plurality of apertures formed therein for receiving a plurality of fastening members passing upwardly from said frame; and

a downrigger base-mounting member secured to said mounting plate and extending upwardly therefrom for receiving at least one fishing accessory.

7. (Currently amended)The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 6, wherein said downrigger base-mounting plate member is disposed adjacent a distal end portion of said mounting plate and said seat-mounting member is offset at a proximal end portion of said mounting plate.

8. (Original)The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 6, further comprising: an elongated cable having opposed end portions connected to said mounting plate and a stationary portion of a boat so that said assembly can be maintained within a predetermined arcuate path during operating conditions.

9. (Original)The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 8, wherein said cable comprises: a plurality of quick-release fastening members secured to said opposed end portions thereof and for allowing an operator to readily adjust the predetermined arcuate path as needed.

10. (Original)A downrigger adaptor assembly employable on water vessels and comprising:

a seat-mounting member comprising

a substantially rectangular frame having planar top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of apertures passing therethrough at predetermined positions,

an elongated support post having opposed end portions secured to said frame and removably engageable with a select portion of a boat seat so that said seat-mounting member can be rotated in select radial paths, and

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a helical spring member disposed about said support post and extending along a partial length thereof, said spring member for providing resilient force and thereby assisting said assembly to maintain an equilibrium position after being selectively adjusted during operating conditions;

a mounting plate secured to said seat-mounting member and being disposed thereabove, said mounting plate having a substantially rectangular shape and further having a plurality of apertures formed therein for receiving a plurality of fastening members passing upwardly from said frame; and

a downrigger base-mounting member secured to said mounting plate and extending upwardly therefrom for receiving at least one fishing accessory, said downrigger base-mounting plate member being disposed adjacent a distal end portion of said mounting plate and said seat-mounting member is offset at a proximal end portion of said mounting plate.

11. (Original) The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 10, further comprising: an elongated cable having opposed end portions connected to said mounting plate and a stationary portion of a boat so that said assembly can be maintained within a predetermined arcuate path during operating conditions.

12. (Original) The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 11, wherein said cable comprises: a plurality of quick-release fastening members secured to said opposed end portions thereof and for allowing an operator to readily adjust the predetermined arcuate path as needed.